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Rusk, Now Teaching, Finds

Students Reassuring

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WASHINGTON. — Where better to turn for an assessment of the college generation today than to Dean Rusk?

As secretary of state during the escalation of the Vietnam war—those years of the Pentagon papers—Rusk was a target of masses of youthful demonstrators, an authentic villain on the campuses. His car was once stoned at the University of Wisconsin. For more than a year now, however, he has been professor of international law at the University of Georgia, his native state, mingling with students quite freely, it appears.

"I have no doubt that a majority of the students would disagree with what I did on Vietnam," he said during a brief visit to Washington. "I don't interpret their courtesy and hospitality as approval. They invite me to their fraternities and clubs and bull sessions, and I enjoy those very much.

"Sometimes I take the bull by the horns and kid them. I tell them it is no use for anyone to carry a banner saying, 'Rusk go home' because I am home."

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He has drawn encouragement from his experience not only on the campus at Athens, Ga., but from a number of recent visits to other colleges in the South. He is not downcast by complaints that youth today is without faith and a proper sense of values.

"This is a regularly recurring impression of older people about the younger generation," he said.

"By God, this new generation now is intelligent, able, stimulating. I am much reassured. I have no worries whatever about turning anything over to them. This is a great generation. I don't say that to be sychophantic—I really have great respect for these people."

He is much concerned about the drug problem, but not so pessimistic as some are.

Summing up on today's college generation, Rusk admonished: "one thing one mustn't do with the younger generation is patronize them. Boy, they won't stand for that!"